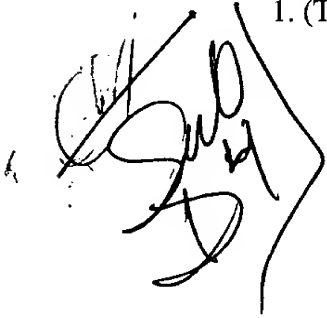


AMENDMENTS

In the Claims


Please amend claims 1, 9, and 11. A clean version of the replacement paragraph is given below and a marked up version showing the changes is attached.

1. (Twice Amended) A tablet composition free of food effect comprising:

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- a) a core comprising from 20 to 80% by weight of verapamil and from 10 to 80% by weight of a gelling agent; and
 - b) a functional coating consisting of a polymer component and a non-polymer component, wherein the polymer component consists essentially of, based on the weight of the coating, from 0 to 30% by weight of polyethylene glycol and from 30 to 80% of a gastroresistant polymer soluble at a pH above 5.5, and the non-polymer component comprises, based on the weight of the coating, from 10 to 40% of a hydrophilic silicon dioxide,

wherein the coating will dissolve in the intestines while withstanding the acidic medium of the stomach and duodenum.

9. (Twice Amended) A tablet composition free of food effect comprising:

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- a) a core comprising from 20 to 80% by weight of verapamil and 10 to 80% by weight of a gelling agent; and
 - b) a coating consisting of a polymer component and a non-polymer component, wherein the polymer component consists essentially of, based on the weight of the coating, from 0 to 30% by weight of polyethylene glycol and from 30

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to 80% of uncured poly(meth)acrylic acids, and wherein the non-polymer component comprises from 10 to 40% of a hydrophilic silicon dioxide, wherein the coating will dissolve in the intestines while withstanding the acidic medium of the stomach and duodenum.

11. (Twice Amended) A tablet composition free of food effect comprising:

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- a) a core comprising from 20 to 80% by weight of verapamil and from 10 to 80% by weight of a gelling agent; and
 - b) a coating consisting of a polymer component and a non-polymer component, wherein the polymer component consists essentially of, based on the weight of the coating, from 5 to 30% by weight of polyethylene glycol and from 30 to 80% of an anionic copolymer of methacrylic acid and acrylic acid ethyl ester, and the non-polymer component comprises from 10 to 40% by weight of a hydrophilic silicon dioxide,

wherein the coating will dissolve in the intestines while withstanding the acidic medium of the stomach and duodenum.
